

Wichita Daily Eagle

FLOWER OF ALL FELINES.

The Persian Cat a Beauty, But Requiring Constant Watchfulness.

The Persian cat is born to the happiest fate of any of its family, for, according to the tales of travelers, he is in his native land, not only loved and cherished, but not only well treated and admired, but thoroughly respected, and he has an acknowledged position and rights. In form the bewitching Persian does not greatly differ from the Angora, but the tail is much more effective, for the longest and the thickest hairs being at the tip they form a magnificent plume which the dignified owner carries proudly erect, waving in the air as he moves. In his splendid silky coat is not a trace of wooliness and it clothes the graceful creature from the tips of his ears to the well-feathered toes. Unless some un-dreamed-of feline marvel shall yet be unearthed, this animal, according to Harper's Bazar, must forever be regarded as the perfect flower of the domestic cat family. Not only does he easily surpass all his competitors in beauty and grace, but he possesses a charm of disposition and manner and dignity of bearing, and, while most affectionate and loving, is still self-respecting and independent. The Persian may be seen in many colors. Very beautiful is that shade technically called "blue," but perhaps more familiar to us as Maltese. A superb specimen of this color a few years ago lived royally in a house where I visited. She was named after a queen of herself more magnificently, I am sure. One of very rich colors was a deep orange, running to smoke color. Nothing could be more exquisite to look at, though this mottled effect is not considered "the thing," and detracts greatly from the value of the wearer. The black Persian, with orange-colored eyes, is one of the rarest and most highly prized of the race, and the purest white is perhaps not second in estimation. There are also many varieties of tabbies and in nearly every one the deep yellow eye is the most desired. The eye should be large and full; the half-should line the ears and fringe the legs and even the toes of this beautiful beast.

The love of liberty is the ruler passion of the Persian, as it is of the Angora. Every one of the long-haired, indeed, delights in long, solitary tramps. It seems impossible to cure them of this desire, and what a cat really desires he generally succeeds in getting sooner or later. To own one of the most attractive and most costly pets in the city, where thieves abound, is to live a life of constant anxiety and watchfulness. Only those who have kept guard over a sly and cunning human lunatic, ever plotting to escape, can appreciate the vigilance necessary for his safety. Yet, in spite of this, so ornamental and so beautiful is the exotic creature, that few who are able to do so careen themselves the pleasure of owning one.

A HAUNTED PALACE.

Strange Nights Seen in the Swedish Royal Court.

The Stockholm correspondent of the Independent Reigel tells this ghost story.

For a long time it has been no secret that spirits haunt the royal palace in Stockholm. Years ago the king became so thoroughly convinced of the presence of ghosts that he had the big wing most frequented by them torn down and rebuilt. But the ghosts did not disappear when the alteration was made, and they still carry on their nightly convulsions in the palace.

While visiting Stockholm court, lived in the haunted palace. On the first night there was an extraordinary manifestation. A chamberlain was lifted from his bed by invisible hands and was laid on a table at the end of a bedroom farthest from the bed. On the following morning Prince Johann asked him if he had heard the uproar in his room. On the evening of the same day Princess Louise was writing in a room brilliantly lighted. Suddenly a woman appeared and began extinguishing the lights. Princess Louise, who is celebrated for her courage, tried to lay hands on the woman, but the latter vanished as suddenly as she appeared. Prince Christian, the eldest son of the crown prince, wished late one afternoon to fetch something from a dimly-lighted room. He left his father and mother, only to return a few moments later empty handed, white and trembling. He said that he had found the room filled with strange figures, which barred his way and made threatening gestures. The day before his departure the Danish crown prince was playing cards with Prince Gustav, turning white with fear, exclaimed that a giant was behind Prince Johann's chair, looking at his cards. Both princes springing to their feet and the giant disappeared. Nobody in the Swedish royal family doubts the presence of the ghosts, but the subject of their appearance is tabooed at court.

Reason in Birds.

Man prides himself on his reasoning powers, but it is doubtful, says a writer on this subject, whether other creatures have not the same faculty in a much greater degree when in connection with their peculiar needs. There is little doubt but often the same bird comes to the same location it frequented the year before, though it has migrated hundreds of miles during the season. It requires judgment to distinguish between what the bird has or has not seen, so as not to take the wrong path, and judgment is the residuum of reason.

Australian Outlaws.

The bushranger of Australia, and our own western road agent have objects and methods of business in the main identical, but they differ in minor details and in their distinctive slang. The unfortunate traveler who meets a western road agent is "held up," his experiences would be an Australian bushranger would be practically similar, except that he would be "bailed up," while if he met one of the craft in New Zealand he would be "stank up."

MORE CLIFF DWELLERS.

Discovery of Another Ruined City in New Mexico.

It Shows That the Prehistoric Race That Lived There Was Civilized—Over Fifteen Thousand Rooms in the Face of the Cliffs.

To the lover of archeology no field presents a finer prospect than this portion of northern New Mexico, writes a New York Advertiser correspondent from Abiquiu, N. M. It abounds in antiquities of every description pertaining to the prehistoric races of America. Its ruins and monuments are undoubtedly as ancient as the pyramids and somewhat analogous in many respects. Mr. A. P. F. Coape, the artist, and the writer have been in camp amid the ruins for the last two weeks, excavating and investigating generally.

We estimate that the city must have contained fifty 50,000 inhabitants, as we have counted over 15,000 rooms in the face of the cliffs, where they are ten deep and ten feet square on an average. They extend around the face of a circular mountain for a distance of over five miles. The level mesa on top is full of the ruins of their old temples, pow-wow holes and dwellings. Estimating three persons to each room, and 15,000 rooms, we have 45,000, but the probabilities are that each room was the abode of at least five persons, and the buildings on top of the mesa may have contained fully as many more. It is safe and conservative to say that it was a city of at least 50,000 inhabitants.

That they had enemies there can be no question, as they selected a strong natural fortress for their city. Their enemies were undoubtedly savages, perhaps the Apache Indians, whose present reservation is on the hunting grounds of their forefathers, not more than fifty miles distant from this ruined city.

The cliff dwellers were doubtless a civilized people to a great extent, as their architecture, their pottery and other evidence here abundantly testify. It would seem that their enemies finally prevailed over them, destroying them and their city, as they have disappeared from the face of the earth.

The country is as wild as the interior of Africa. It is not an agricultural region, and how fully 50,000 people maintained life in such a place and under such conditions will forever be a puzzle to the most discerning archeologist. There is a large spring of delicious, cool water on the face of the cliff near the only entrance. This at least insured a permanent water supply against any prolonged siege of the enemy.

They buried their dead on the mesa in catacombs hollowed out for a distance along a main avenue of over two miles. The sight is, indeed, a ghastly, gruesome one, never to be forgotten. Grinning skulls and crumbling bones reflect back the light from torches. The sepulchres are hollowed out in the walls similar to the rooms in the face of the cliffs. It is a dry, soft conglomerate formation, the arches and walls of which are self-supporting, and never was there a more favorable place, nor could there be, for a repository of the dead than this.

We have already excavated to a considerable amount pottery in a good state of preservation, also copper ornaments and vessels. We have four Mexican lizards at work and will remain here a month yet in hopes of making further important discoveries.

The ruined city was discovered in January last by Mr. A. P. F. Coape, an Englishman, who has spent the last six years in this part of New Mexico hunting and fishing.

The ruins are so well preserved that they look as if they might not have been long abandoned, yet how many thousand years have rolled around since the city thrived with life and action no one can even conjecture.

The country abounds in many other ruins of the prehistoric race of America. In Canyon Largo, about sixty miles from here in southern Colorado, there is quite a tier of cliff-dwelling villages in which much valuable pottery is said to have been found. But this was evidently the chief city and capital of the cliff dwellers, as the pow-wow holes and foundations of large public buildings and the plaza about them would indicate. This is indeed the Pompeii of America, and well worthy the attention of the scientific world generally.

A New Death Test.

Nervous mortals who imagine that they could stand dying all right enough were it not for the fear of being buried alive may be interested in a recent announcement made by a French scientist. He says that an unfailing test of death may be made by producing a blister on the hand or foot of the corpse, using a candle for that purpose. If the blister, upon being opened with a pin or other instrument, is found to contain fluid of any kind there is still life in the supposed corpse. On the other hand, should it contain steam only, rest assured that the vital spark has flown.

The Rabbit's Foot Superstition.

Few negroes but believe that the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit is a token of good luck, and the superstition is spreading among the white race. A firm in North Carolina, which makes a specialty of rabbit skins, has received an order for 100,000 of such feet.

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A New Rain Compiler.

Scientists say that the effect of a low temperature on a cloud of vapor will be shown in the precipitation of rain. Acting on this knowledge, a European living in the tropical regions of India has invented a novel rain producer. His apparatus consists of a pocket capable of rising to a height of a mile, containing a reservoir of ether. In its descent a parachute-like attachment opens out, causing the apparatus to descend slowly. At the same time the ether is thrown out in a fine spray. The absorption of heat by the ether is said to lower the temperature of the surrounding air sufficiently to condense the vapor, and hence cause rain. This being true, a large number of rockets would probably be required to cause a prolonged shower.

Making Cloth Waterproof.

A correspondent asks for a recipe for making cloth waterproof. There is surely no better method than putting half a pound of oxide of lead and half a pound of alum in a pail of soft water, stirring it often until it becomes clear, pouring it off into another pail and putting the cloth or garment into it, to remain there for twenty-four hours. The material should then be hung up to dry without wringing. It is said that garments thus treated will keep the wearer absolutely dry in the heaviest rainstorms; the rain simply hangs in globes upon the cloth. Waterproof cloth is more healthy to wear than rubber goods.

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